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Check out **Page 3** for a story about Uggs boots and **Page 4** for an editorial face-off about the Ugg Game.

When you think Uggs you think...

“Casual.”

Jessica Gradert
Senior, nutritional sciences

“Warm.”

Masahiro Harazuka
Junior, English language program

“Horrendous – they look like a dead cat.”

Andrew Kuehler
Junior, mechanical engineering

“Ugly.”

Maria Betancourt Vasquez
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THE PLANNER

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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Salissou Issa at 9 a.m. today in Weber Hall 221. The thesis topic is “Nutritional Value of Sorghums for Poultry Feeds in West Africa.”

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring Walk-in Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hongwang Wang at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Chemistry/Biochemistry Building 437. The thesis topic is “I. Studies of NHC-Palladium(IV) Species in C-H bond Activation Process, II. Synthesis of Functionalized Bimagnetic Core/Shell Iron/Iron Oxide Nanoparticles for the Treatment of Cancer.”

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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Adam Sparks at 11 a.m. Monday in Throckmorton Hall 2002. The thesis topic is “Disease Risk Mapping with Metamodels for Coarse Resolution Predictors.”

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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hao Yan at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 in Cardwell Hall 119. The thesis topic is “Solubility Phase Transition Behavior of

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The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ann Sanders at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 in Justin Hall 254. The thesis topic is “The Goodness of Giving: An Exploration of the Effects of Having a Charitable Orientation on Perceived Wellness.”

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Anand Mohan at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in Call Hall 140. The thesis topic is “Effects of Glycolytic and Mitochondrial Krebs' Cycle Intermediates on Myoglobin Redox Forms Stabilization.”

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Josephine Boac at 3 p.m. Dec. 16 in Seaton Hall 133. The thesis topic is “Handling Effects on Quality and Dust Generation in Grain and Feed, and Modeling of Grain Commingling in Bucket Elevators.”

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

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A) Always B) Never C) Only when it is light out

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- After the questionnaire is completed you will be able to use the iSIS system. You will be unable to use many iSIS functions until you complete the questionnaire.
- Seniors graduating in Spring 2010 will be asked to complete the questionnaire prior to completing an application for graduation.
- Graduate students will need to complete the questionnaire.
- International students will need to complete the questionnaire.

Specific instructions will arrive in January from the International Students and Scholars Center or the English Language Program.

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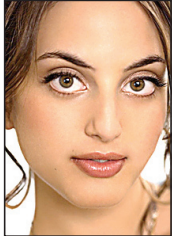
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

JOEL RETURNS TO FATHER'S HOME AFTER HOSPITAL STAY

Alexa Joel, daughter of musician Billy Joel and famous model Christie Brinkley, returned to her father's home from the hospital, where she spent the weekend for what sources call a "reaction" to an herbal medicine, according to *People.com*.



JOEL

Alexa took multiple pills of Traumeel, an homeopathic drug used as an anti-inflammatory medicine and pain reliever, after she and her long-time boyfriend broke up, according to the Web site. She then "became worried about breathing" and called 911, according to *People.com*. She was then taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in Greenwich Village in New York City, where she stayed the weekend.

Brinkley spent the weekend with her daughter in the hospital while Billy stayed at his home in Sag Harbor, N.Y., where Alexa went after being released from the hospital, according to *People.com*.

This is not the first time Alexa became extremely upset over a man. According to the Web site, she said last year that she "can get very dark," and also said she sometimes "can get very in [her] own head and depressed."

Alexa has been hinting at problems within her romantic life since August, when she wrote "UGH!!! MEN!!!" and complained about constant "game-playing" on her *MySpace.com* page, according to *People.com*.

MICHELLE DUGGAR TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR GALLSTONE

Michelle Duggar, the mother of 18 children – with another one on the way – who stars on TLC's "18 Kids and Counting," went to the hospital this weekend regarding a problem with her gallbladder, according to *People.com*.



DUGGAR

Family members were initially worried that there would be problems with the baby, according to the Web site. However, doctors soon established that her gallbladder, a small organ that stores bile and helps with the digestive process, was the only issue.

The pain she felt was because of a gallstone, a stone-like entity formed by the same components as bile, that was also causing Duggar to experience contractions. She was taken to a hospital in Little Rock, Ark., via airlift so that a NICU center would be available in case of any emergencies, according to *People.com*.

According to the Web site, Duggar will remain in the hospital for "the next couple days" for observation, but doctors think the pain medication they gave her is working and the gallstone will not require surgery. They hope any surgery can wait until after the baby is delivered, according to *People.com*.

Duggar and her family are the focus of a popular TLC series depicting the daily life of how a family with 18 children operates.

MCCARTHY PREPARED TO 'ROCK' AS A GRANDMOTHER

Jenny McCarthy recently announced she thinks she will be an excellent grandmother, according to *People.com*.

McCarthy, 37, has been dating Jim Carrey, 47, for four years. She said she is excited for Jim's daughter, Jane Carrey, to deliver her first child, which is due in March.



MCCARTHY

According to the Web site, McCarthy said she thinks Jim will make the world's best grandfather because he is "so animated." Jim said he thinks McCarthy will "rock as a grandma," and also said McCarthy loves Jane and is excited about the new baby.

McCarthy, who is a former Playboy playmate, said she and Jim are not going to force their opinions about how to raise the baby on Jane, despite the fact that McCarthy is known for being a bit "pushy," according to *People.com*.

McCarthy said her biggest lesson will be to "just shut up and let her raise the baby the way that she wants it," according to the Web site. "I think grandparents can kind of overstep their boundaries. I'm going to try to be there as a friend and a cool grandma," she added.

McCarthy said she is already planning a baby shower for Jane in January, and that she is looking into fun games for the shower.

—Compiled by Elena Buckner

Ugg or UGH?



Trendy boots a topic of controversy

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Since Uggs first arrived on the fashion scene more than a decade ago, they have been scrutinized by some as a hideous fashion statement and enjoyed by others as all-weather footwear.

"I think they are kind of cute actually, and they are very comfortable," said Aubrie Wright, junior in secondary education, who has been wearing Uggs since receiving them as a Christmas gift two years ago.

Uggs-wearers often say comfort is their motivation for wearing the high-end boots, which range from about \$140 to \$225 depending on the style, according to *Uggaustralia.com*.

The Web site cites the shoes' authentic sheepskin fabric, which the Web site calls breathable, moisture-wicking and thermostatic, for the high price of the boots. For those who want the look and feel of Uggs without the price tag, many clothing stores offer similar styles for a discounted price.

Erin White, sophomore in family studies and human services, bought fake Uggs for herself a few months ago.

"They are warm, but I don't think they are cute at all," White said. "It's

worth it to be warm while I'm walking to class though."

As the popularity of these distinct boots rose, so did the criticism of them.

"I think people make fun of Uggs because so many people wear them," Wright said. "Also, a lot of people don't think they are cute, and they kind of make your feet look big."

She admitted to wearing her Uggs with skirts in the past, a style choice often lampooned by Uggs critics. Wright said she wore them with skirts in high school but not in college. Now, she said she usually wears them with jeans.

Dislike for Uggs led to the creation of "the Ugg game," a contest where players gather points by spotting Uggs-wearers. Though rules vary, points are awarded for finding Uggs-wearers, with added points if they are also wearing other trendy items, like North Face jackets, Vera Bradley bags, leggings or miniskirts.

David Penner, junior in secondary education and biology, said he has seen the Ugg game in the Fourum but has never actually played the game.

"I'm not really a fan of them, but I think whether they are ugly or not could go either way," Penner said.

Penner said while he would not think badly about someone who was wearing Uggs, he definitely would not wear them himself.

Reagan Proctor, freshman in early childhood education, said she thinks the boots represent a preppy sorority woman image, which is why they get mocked.

"I don't think Uggs are ugly at all, and sometimes they are appropriate, but sometimes you just look like an idiot wearing them with a skirt because you are freezing your legs off," Proctor said.

She also said she and a friend came up with the idea to give points in the Ugg game for spotting Uggs worn with a miniskirt.

"I don't keep track of points, but my friends and I point out to each other people who would get points, and we do talk about the game," Proctor said.

While there will probably be Uggs-haters as long as there are Uggs-wearers, those who enjoy the look and feel of this trendy footwear do not seem to mind the comments.

"Maybe I'm stereotyped because I wear Uggs, but that's pretty dumb if someone judges me based on what shoes I wear," White said.

Packing, clothing choices make holiday traveling easier

The holiday season not only means gifts and togetherness; it also means travel. For out-of-state students and those going on vacation, travel is an important, yet sometimes stressful part of the holidays.

Here are a few tips to making your holiday travels more comfortable and stylish.

Road trips are fun but can be kind of a pain. My advice is if you are going to be stuck in a car for a long period of time, wear whatever makes you comfortable and be prepared to wear that outfit for a while. I don't think anyone is expecting you to drive in high heels or a suit. Also, along with your regular luggage, pack a pillow and a blanket.

Flying, however, is a whole other headache. Normally, I would suggest a put-together outfit when flying, usually a nice pair of pants and a T-shirt or



Photo illustration by Sara Manco

blouse. However, if you prefer to fly in sweats, be my guest.

Depending on where you are flying, keep in mind the climate change going from Kansas to wherever your destination is. If you are going, for instance, to California, your winter coat will be your worst enemy. Also, for the unavoidable situations that occur, like losing your luggage or delayed and canceled flights, my advice would be to pack a simple change of clothes in your carry-on – not a full

outfit change, but something to change out of after getting off your plane.

Speaking of carry-ons, the holiday season is an awful time to lose luggage. To avoid the scare of losing your valuables, pack any jewelry or sentimental items in your carry-on because then you are guaranteed to have them at all times.

One aspect passengers forget sometimes is how many carry-ons you are allowed to have on a plane. Make sure to look up

how many you can carry onto planes specific to the carrier. If you are allowed to bring two carry-ons, I would suggest packing a few things from your main luggage into your carry-on.

Another flight restriction to keep in mind when packing is how much your luggage weighs. Depending on the carrier, your luggage cannot exceed a certain weight without having to pay extra fees. So, when packing, prioritize what you think you will really need, what you can live without and if you can buy certain items, like toiletries, when you arrive.

A few general guidelines for packing are not to bring more than three pairs of shoes, your entire makeup collection or more than four pairs of jeans or sweats. Also, if you cannot live without it, pack it in your carry-on.

The holidays are for relaxing and spending time with friends and family. Make the holiday travels fun, safe and stylish.

Jessie Dowell is a sophomore in apparel and textiles. Send comments to edge@spub.ksu.edu

CLASH WEEK

Fair game?



Illustration by Erin Logan

Ugg game demeans, stereotypes to women

In recent months, a new and seemingly innocent game has swept across the K-State campus. I'm talking, of course, about the Ugg game. When taken at face value, the game seems harmless. However, beneath its surface lies a darker side to the Ugg game, one that, until now, has gone unnoticed. The Ugg game perpetuates one of the most dangerous psychological phenomena in 21st-century America.



ELI B. NEAL

What could possibly be dangerous about an activity as harmless as boots? The answer is simple: The Ugg game works to continue the objectification of American women.

According to the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault, objectification of women is defined as when "a woman is being perceived not in terms of her own individuality but in a way that dehumanizes her. It takes away her identity along with her agency and depersonalizes her to being simply a body, or even parts of her body." The Web site goes on to explain that comments on a woman's clothing can be considered objectifying.

The Ugg game by its very nature requires players to treat women as objects. One cannot simultaneously count boots and North Faces and also view each woman wearing them as a complete and complex human being. The women who are counted must be viewed as little more than a body and a pair of rather unattractive boots.

The fact that the Ugg game

treats women as faceless objects without identities might initially seem to be little cause for concern. However, the effects of treating women in such a mentality can be detrimental.

While the Ugg game might not sexualize women, the effect is only slightly less alarming. It is the treatment of women in such a dehumanized manner that can lead men to see women as nothing more than "a notch on their belts." By playing the game, people not only condone this type of mentality, but unknowingly increase their willingness to view women in this twisted manner in the future.

Those unconvinced the Ugg game is guilty of objectifying women, need only consider the fact that the game was constructed to target women.

As a society, Americans are accustomed to treating women as objects. It's done by the mainstream media, advertising and individuals on a daily basis. However, we are far less likely to treat men in a similar manner. Men are rarely viewed exclusively in terms of their bodies and appearances. A game treating men in such a manner would feel unnatural.

My opponent might be able to see the Ugg game as little more than lighthearted entertainment. I, however, cannot and will not condone activity that contributes to the objectification of women.

Only when we treat women as individuals, and acknowledge their intelligence and ideas before their appearances, will we find the true meaning of gender equality.

Eli B Neal would like you to know that the views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect his views. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

Counting Ugg points fun way to pass time

Who doesn't love the Ugg game? It's great entertainment for walking through campus or while you're in class.

The Ugg game is great to play with or against your friends. You can either make a team with your friends and combine your scores, or add up your own points and compare scores at the end of the day. This game is great for the competitive person and for those who are looking to have fun.

The Ugg game is not only great for walking on campus, but it's also good for when you go home. I often find myself bored while shopping with my mom, and I start calling out points while she asks my opinion about a shirt.

I have even considered getting a pair of Uggs so I can have a few extra points compared to my friends. The Ugg game can be used for boring car rides to visit family for the holidays.

Also, you can always look for the best new combination of Uggs with other articles of clothing. It adds a twist to the game and provides a different type of competition for participants to see who can find the most outrageous Ugg combination. This game is adaptable and can be played many different ways.

Some might consider the Ugg game demeaning for those wearing the Uggs. The truth is that this game could be played with cowboy boots, belt buckles and

cowboy hats, or even skinny jeans, black shaggy hair and eyeliner.

This game is not designed to make fun of the people wearing the clothes because anyone can wear the boots. For example, the Forum once asked, "How many points do I get for a guy in Uggs?"

The Ugg game has evolved from just Uggs, a North Face jacket, sorority symbols and miniskirts to much more. Now, there are scoring combinations, like camouflage sweats and Uggs and a person wearing nothing but Uggs. The combinations are endless, and each day there are possibilities of seeing even odder combinations.

The game could be misconstrued as being targeted toward certain stereotypes of sorority women, but not only sorority members wear Uggs. There are many people who wear Uggs because they are warm and it is cold outside. Though seeing a person in Uggs and a sorority symbol earns more points, it is because there is a good chance that someone wearing the Uggs might also have the symbol – but not always.

The same could be said with the North Face jacket. Not only sorority girls wear this jacket; many other people outside of sororities wear the brand since it is cold outside and North Face jackets are warm. The game has more to do with the season that brings about the wearing of Uggs rather than the actual people in them.

What will we be looking for in the spring, I wonder?

Kristin Whiteside is a sophomore in biochemistry. She personally likes miniskirts and Ugg boots. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.



KRISTIN WHITESIDE

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Dead week needs to be a code blue, not alive and well.

Wouldn't it be awesome if you had

to take an STD test to graduate from college?

We're serious, pedestrians. If you cross the street, use the crosswalk and press the button. We can't see you at night, especially if you're wearing black. Signed, concerned driver.

This is the Gingerbread Man and the Grinch wishing everyone on K-State's campus happy holidays.

Texas can handle a lot, but apparently not the cold. Skipping class again.

What does inter-sex mean? It kind of sounds like it has something

to do with asexual, which kind of seems an odd option to include with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender and questioning.

Hey, just wondering why the salt ends.

I am now obsessed with the girl in the Disney Princess boots.

Whoever decided that a diagonal crosswalk was a good idea was dumb.

To the dude carrying the ghetto-blast on his shoulder every day: That is awesome.

Karen Ingram, hope you have a

very happy Festivus.

So, my house mate is a dude and there was a guy on the TV smoking. He said, "A guy who's smoking? I would never date him," so I'm kind of worried.

To the girl in my U.S. History class: I think you're hot, and you're orange.

Math 511, I hate you.

To the car who got pulled over on the corner of College Heights and McCollum: We'd like to know how much your ticket was because we enjoyed watching you get it.

Why isn't there any toilet paper

when I need it? And yes, I am on the pot right now.

To the guy in shorts: natural selection catches up to everyone.

As the old saying goes, "It's cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey."

When I buy a 32 ounce fountain drink at Cat's Den and they say it costs "one fifty one" I have to fight the urge to follow up with "Malibu rum."

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TO THE POINT

Ugg game defined

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

For as long as Ugg boots have been produced and worn, people have made fun of them. Though sources differ, Uggs are believed to have originated in either New Zealand or Australia.

Aviators in World War I called them "fug boots," according to a Central Coast Express article written in 2004. In the U.S., they were first sold in 1979 by UGG Holdings, Inc.

Recently, the boots have been considered fashionable by virtue of being worn by the likes of Pamela Anderson and Kate Hudson.

The first documented case of the Ugg game being played was in May 2006 by a blogger on the Web site NeoBlog, who claimed to have invented the game in 2005.

K-State's campus was stormed by the Ugg game only this semester, though. Because of popular demand, we once again give you the rules to the Ugg game:

- Ugg boots: 1/2 point
- Ugg boots and North Face: 1 point
- Ugg boots, North Face and sorority symbol: 3 points
- Ugg boots, North Face and skirt: 5 points
- Must be Ugg brand boots or Ugg slippers to qualify for points

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health care funding sparks dilemma

Editors,
The other day I happened across the following parable by author J.J. Dewey, and received his permission to submit it here along with the comments that follow:
Ellie Jones was a sweet divorced lady but was very lonely. She had no companion with which to share her life. "This should not be," she told herself. "It is the right of every person to be loved by a soul mate."
A few days later, she went to a singles dance and met Mr. Smith who swept her off her feet. For the next week, he wined and dined her and made her heart to flutter with joy. But there was a problem. He would have to move to attend to his elderly mother 2,000 miles distant. The only way he could stay with Ellie would be to send a friend \$10,000 to make changes in her home so she could stay there. Then he would require \$4,000 a month to stay with her and take care of her needs. If he could come up with the money to do this, then Smith

could stay with Ellie.
Ellie had limited funds but she was so crazy about Mr. Smith that she was prepared to sacrifice everything. She also felt that if she ran out of funds that Smith would take care of her.
She gave Smith the \$10,000, and for six months she gave him the \$4,000 a month. Then she gave him the bad news. She was completely out of money.
To her surprise the next day he was gone, never to be seen again. Ellie was not only heartbroken but penniless and had to depend on friends for sustenance.
Those who think there is an inherent right to health care are like Ellie who thought she had a right to love.
Does Ellie have a right to pursue love? Absolutely! Does she also have the right to have it granted out of your wallet? You be the judge.

Dan Howell
JUNIOR IN FAMILY STUDIES AND
HUMAN SERVICES
K-STATE-SALINA CAMPUS

Marijuana arguments lack support, research

Editors,
After reading the marijuana opinion column by Beth Mendenhall and the letter to the editor by Jacob Hughes, I find that neither person has given sufficient evidence to either side.
In regard to Mendenhall's column, she lacks effective support, though she does bring up interesting arguments. This issue of "legalizing marijuana" is something that should be put to rest. America is too conservative to take into account any views that are not part of the Christian agenda.
The letter to the editor by Hughes also lacks efficient support countering her argument simply stating that we are only allowed to pursue happiness and that marijuana should not be legal, because it only pertains to less than half of the population.
The closest thing to legalizing marijuana that America could possibly come close to is to decriminalize it. Such acts have been taken by the infamous Netherlands. While everyone says pot is legal in Amsterdam, that is a myth. The Netherlands has taken a proactive approach to a grow-

ing marijuana problem. They decriminalized marijuana and taxed the sale of it. The money that the government makes off of the sales goes toward the fight against hard drugs.
The claims made by Hughes about the importing of the drug raises a valid question of "where would we get it?" If the United States was to adopt a policy like that of the Netherlands, there are restrictions on the number of plants that can be grown and how much you are able to import. If you go beyond these restrictions, the law can prosecute you.
In the United States, Congress is looking at Senate Bill 714, The National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009, which seeks to initiate a comprehensive re-evaluation of America's drug and prison policies. This bill is headed by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va.
While the issue of legalizing marijuana will not be solved overnight, arguments like Mendenhall and Hughes' should be valued only if sufficient support is provided to back up their arguments.

Brandon West
JUNIOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Therapy story needs confirmed

Editors,
"Student recounts painful conversion therapy, abuse" is a story of horror and tragedy if it is true. Because of this story's potential consequences toward the vast majority of practicing Christians who, in reality, abhor this kind of treatment of people, I hope that Jason Miller and the Collegian have made a duly diligent attempt to corroborate Swanson's story.
It is notable that almost no details were included in this series' introduction that can be verified. That does not invalidate this story, but one that is as accusatory as this one is needs to have evidence.
I was led down a long trail of lies developed for years by someone regarding the abusive treatment by her Muslim father and the subsequent development of her medical conditions. She was very convincing, but it turned out to be false. I've learned to inde-

pendently verify these kinds of stories.
As a leader of a Christian campus ministry at K-State, I must strongly condemn the kind of actions and treatment that are described in this article.
The abuse and conversion therapy described have no place in any community that has the principles of Christ at its core — namely, love, acceptance and protection of the full humanity of people, regardless of whether their lifestyles are the way of God or not. Christ did not beat people for their sins — he instead chose to face death himself because of them.
It is our duty to treat people with the love and respect of Christ. This includes members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, questioning and intersex community.

Cary McCall,
CAMPUS MINISTER
CATS FOR CHRIST

Deck the hall



Charles McDowell, senior in Landscape Architecture student drafts while being surrounded by colored paper, banners, christmas trees, lights and pop cans. This semester architecture students livened up their studios with many festive decorations to enhance the holiday spirit.

Tommy Thies
COLLEGIAN

POLICE REPORT

Cars collide on I-70, toddler injured, transported to Mercy

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two local womens' cars collided with each other on U.S. Interstate 70 this weekend, and a child was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.
Ashley Lately, 22, of Topeka, was driving a 1998 Chevy Lumina, and the second driver, Dianne Farmer, 69, of Russell, Kan., was driving a 2004 Lexus, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD.
Lately lost control of her vehicle and slid off the road into a guardrail, Crosby said. Lately's car rolled, and debris from her car and the guardrail flew toward Farmer's car and broke her windshield, according to the report.
A 2-year-old passenger was transported to Mercy Regional Health Center for neck and spine pain, Crosby said.
While working that accident, an RCPD patrol car was hit by another vehicle. A driver, whose identity was not known by the RCPD, had cruise control set at 70, and the person's car slid on the ice and slammed into the back of the RCPD car, according to the report.
Damage to the RCPD car and the contents in the trunk was estimated at \$30,000, Crosby said.

MAN CHARGED WITH RECKLESS DRIVING, DUI
A man was charged with reckless driving and driving under the influence, among other charges, after he was involved in an accident Saturday, according to another RCPD report.
Ryan Matthew Calmes, 21, of Alma, Kan., was arrested at 7:20 p.m. Saturday for the unlawful possession of stimulants, paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license, reckless driving, driving under the influence and invoking damage to another vehicle, according

to the report.
Crosby said Calmes was observed driving recklessly and colliding with another vehicle on the 100 block of Tuttle Creek Boulevard. Calmes' vehicle collided with a 2007 Mitsubishi Eclipse, which was owned and driven by Jennifer Russell, 20, of 2225 Buckingham Ave., No. 3, according to the report.
Russell said she had a green arrow as she left the parking lot of Manhattan Town Center, Crosby said. The other vehicle, driven by Calmes, turned right and ran into Russell's vehicle, Crosby said.
Russell said Calmes backed up and ran into her car a second time, then backed up again and took off.
There were no injuries, according to the report. Crosby said Calmes was confined on a \$6,500 bond.

\$8,000 PICK-UP TRUCK STOLEN
A local man reported to the RCPD that his \$8,000 pick-up truck was stolen.
Michael Mohler, 46, of 2000 Leavenworth St., said his 1998 Ford F-150 extended cab truck was stolen, Crosby said.
The incident occurred Sunday between 1:30 p.m. and 4:20 p.m., according to the report.
Mohler said he had left his vehicle unlocked, but had no idea who had stolen it, according to the report.

\$8,000 CAR STOLEN
A local woman reported to the RCPD that her car, valued at \$8,000, was stolen.
Victoria Anttila, 21, of 3213 Claflin Road, said her 2003 silver Dodge Intrepid was stolen, Crosby said.
"She went out and started up her vehicle, then went inside to get her daughter, and someone stole it," Crosby said.
The incident occurred between 12:15 p.m. and 12:20 p.m. in Ogden, Kan., according to the report.

LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA
A local man was arrested Saturday by the RCPD on several charges involving marijuana, said Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD.
Pol Joseph Mauck, 30, of 920 Vattier St., was arrested at 3:50 p.m. for the possession of criminal substances, sale of drugs without a Kansas drug stamp and the cultivation of marijuana, according to an RCPD report.
Crosby said bail was set at \$13,500 and that the investigation was ongoing.

CASE OF STOLEN IDENTITY
Two local men were arrested by the RCPD for stealing debit and credit cards and using them to buy goods and services totaling \$2,995, Crosby said.
Frederick Lovensky, 22, of 2215 College Ave., Apt. G127, and Rashad Tamar'e Harrell, 22, of 1120 Pierre St., were arrested Friday at 9:10 a.m. and noon, respectively, and charged with conspiracy to commit a crime, theft, possession of stolen property, forgery and criminal use of financial cards, according to a report by the RCPD.
Crosby said the bail was set at \$10,000 each for Lovensky and Harrell.

KANSAS CITY MAN CHARGED WITH SALE, PURCHASE OF OPIATES
A man from Kansas City, Mo., was arrested for drug-related charges, according to another report by the RCPD.
Cortez Anthony Rodriguez IV was arrested Saturday at 4:56 p.m. for the sale and purchase of opiates and opium and the sale of drugs without a Kansas drug stamp, according to the report.
Crosby said the bail was set at \$7,500.

LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH HABITUAL VIOLATION
A Wamego man was arrested Saturday,

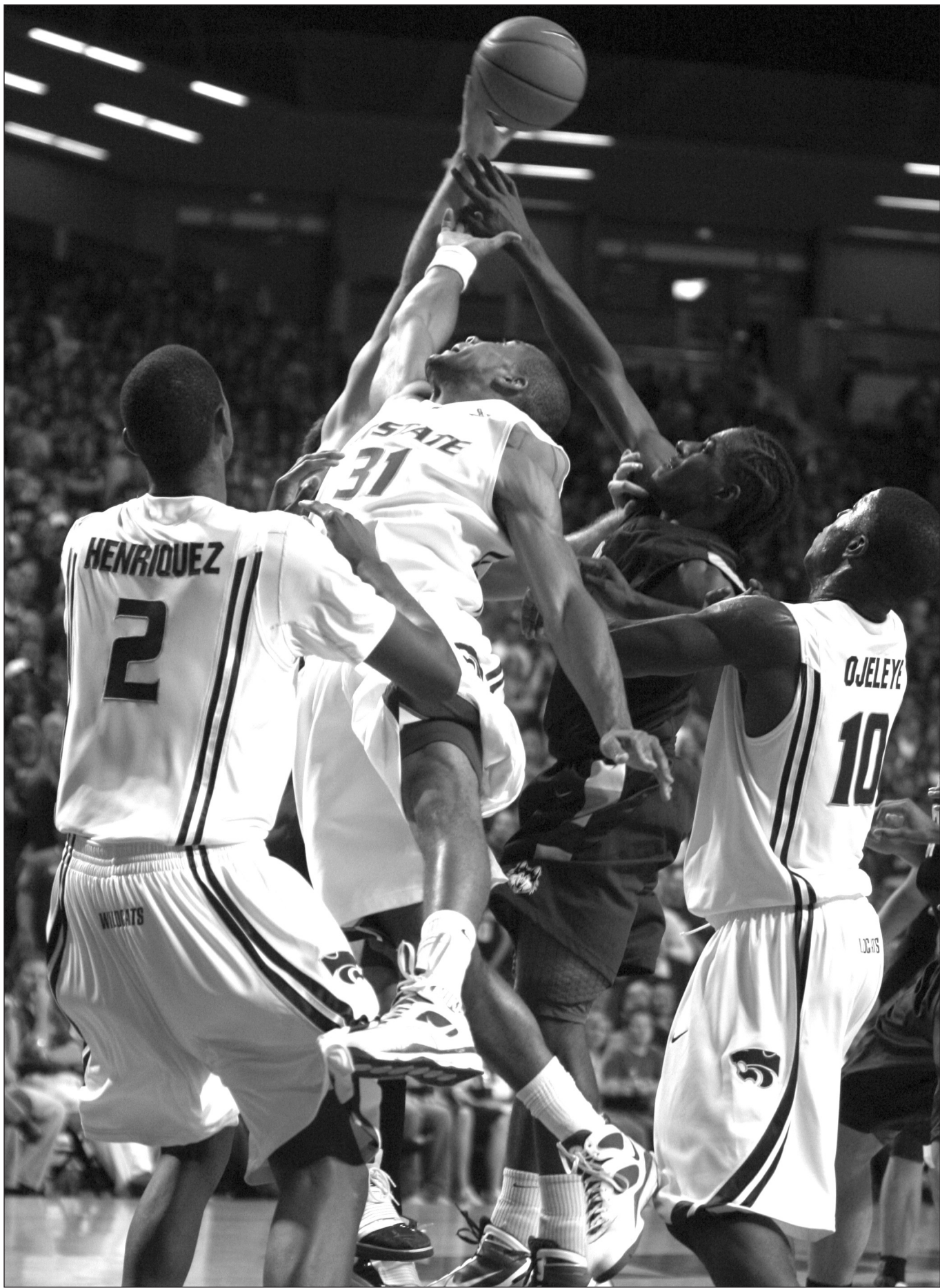
according to another RCPD report.
Michael David Lackey, 33, was arrested Saturday by the RCPD for driving with a suspended license and for the habitual violation of a law, Crosby said.
Bail was set at \$6,000, according to the report.

LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH SALE, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA
A local man was arrested for the sale and possession of marijuana, according to a report by the RCPD.
Andrew Michale Craig, 21, of 2031 Fort Riley Blvd., was arrested and charged the sale and distribution of marijuana and two counts of the possession of paraphernalia to grow and distribute marijuana, Crosby said.
Craig was arrested Friday at 11:35 a.m., and his bail was set at \$5,000, according to the report.

LOCAL MAN CHARGED WITH IMPERSONATION
A local man was arrested on Saturday for aggravated false impersonation, according to another RCPD report.
Anthony Wayne Martin, 23, of 2822 Johnson Valley Drive, intentionally falsely represented himself to the county government, Crosby said.
"He went to bond someone out of jail but signed the document using someone else's name," Crosby said.
Martin's bond was set at \$2,500.

MACBOOK LAPTOP STOLEN
A local man reported to the RCPD that his Macbook laptop, valued at \$1,100, was stolen, Crosby said.
The computer was stolen from Caleb Leslie, 22, of 1415 Legore Lane, Apt. A, according to an RCPD report.
The incident occurred on between 4 a.m. Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Crosby said.

Reaching for it



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Senior guard **Chris Merriwether** reaches for a rebound against Loyola Chicago, during K-State's 92-54 win in November.

Off the Court with Chris Merriewether

Chris Merriewether is one of three seniors on the K-State men's basketball team this season. Through the Wildcats' first eight games, the native of Jacksonville, Fla., is averaging 9.6 minutes and made his first start of the season against Fort Hays State on Dec. 1. He has already accepted a job at ConocoPhillips where he will begin working after graduation. Merriewether recently discussed a variety of topics, including his college experience and career plans.

Q: How did you go about earning a scholarship after arriving as a walk-on?

A: A lot of hard work. The opportunity just presented itself. I couldn't have told you my freshman year that I was going to be on scholarship. That's just icing on the cake. I was just happy to come out here and be able to help out the team. Just being on the team and being able to graduate with a degree, that's good enough for me. But now that they're paying for it and I get free food, it's fantastic.

Q: How is this year's team different than the one you had when you arrived in Manhattan?

A: There's definitely a lot more experience. When you look at it, we've got a lot of three-year guys - two-year guys in Frank [Martin's] system. My freshman year, even the people that were seniors were essentially freshmen in [Bob] Huggins' new system.

Q: What was is like playing for two coaches during your collegiate career?

A: They were both good experiences. We got to the postseason both times. They're both tough. Huggs is one of Frank's mentors. He'll tell you that in a second. You're going to take some stuff from your mentor.

Q: Are you still in the library as much as you were in past years?

A: It's eased up a little bit because, just like basketball, I'm starting to get the hang of it. I'm starting to enjoy college a little bit more. I can actually sleep in a little bit later. Sometimes, I don't have class until 8:30. It's been pretty good.

Q: What kind of transformations have you seen within yourself?

A: There's probably about 30 more pounds on me. That's probably the biggest physical difference. I just know what to expect now. I'm not really surprised much. Coach might throw a couple curveballs, but I'm not really surprised. Right now, it's just about perfecting everything that we do. Coach really doesn't have to tell me how as much. Now it's about concentrating on the why.

Q: What have you done to step into a leadership role as a senior?

A: Majority of what I do, I just try to lead by example. Every time I go out on the court, I try to just lay it out on the line because I know this is my last go-around. I start a career next year. In practice, throughout summer workouts, everything. Honestly, it's been that way since I was a freshman, but I think people are really starting to realize that.

-Compiled by Justin Nutter

Cats look to grow, improve in road games

The women's basketball team have started to come together by bits and pieces. The Wildcats are at an even 4-4 record and are looking for more stardom on the court.

The Wildcats recently won their host tournament, the 15th-annual Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic, this past weekend after a huge comeback win against Missouri State on Saturday. Their record might not be the best, but all four of their losses have been by 10 points or less. Their worst loss was on the road against Creighton 63-54.

I think the team will continue to perform well because it seems everyone is stepping up, even when the Wildcats are down on the scoreboard. The seniors are doing well, and even the freshmen have shown some pizzazz by wowing the crowd at times.

Many people were saying this team wouldn't be as good as it has been in the past. The youth on the team was going to be the hardest part of putting a good group together for games. However, the team has surprised a few critics with its performance.

Freshmen Brittany Chambers and Mariah White have added some extra help in tough situations. Chambers has posted back-to-back double-digit scoring games, and White, while not posting huge numbers, has been a highlight reel on the court.

Head coach Deb Patterson said she knows her team has struggled at times, but said she was impressed with how well the team stayed together after Saturday's win against Missouri State. It was looking like K-State would not come back until the second half when the Wildcats started their biggest run of the game, taking the lead.

The Wildcats will face a tough Northwestern team next Sunday at home. If they can beat the other Wildcat team, their schedule might be a little easier until conference play.

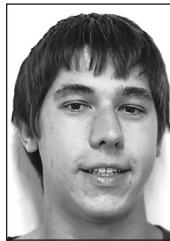
Their best games have been at home, so if they want to continue winning, they will need to show better play on the road. This should not be much of a problem against future road opponents, Hawaii and Yale.

The team will need to be at its best during conference play, and I think that will show the true identity of this team. Conference play is the most important stretch of any team's season. The team faces Kansas, Texas and Baylor, which are all ranked in the Top 25.

Right now, this team has shown great heart and the ability to stay in the game and finish strong. Who cares if they don't reach a national ranking this year? At the end, everyone in Manhattan will realize how well this team can play and will look forward to the future.

A team's win-loss record plays a big part in the end, but team play is an even bigger accomplishment. The Wildcats could finish with a losing record, but the result of the games could show that the team lost by few points and that the women kept a positive attitude the entire time.

I think the Wildcats will end the season on a high note, and they will show some good play against tough competition down the road.



TYLER SCOTT

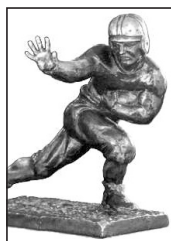
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SPORTS BRIEFS

HEISMAN TROPHY FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was named a finalist for the Heisman Trophy for the third time in three seasons, marking the first time a player has finished in the top-five three times since Herschel Walker did so in the early 1980s.

If he is elected the winner, Tebow will become just the second player ever to win the award more than once. Archie Griffin is currently the only player to accomplish that feat, winning the award in 1974



Heisman

and 1975.

Also announced as a finalist was Texas quarterback Colt McCoy who has led the Longhorns' to a 12-0 record and a matchup with Alabama in the BCS National Championship. The Crimson Tide also have a player in the mix, as running back Mark Ingram is considered by many to be the frontrunner for the award.

The list is rounded out by Stanford running back Toby Gerhart, who ran for an NCAA-leading 1,736 yards and 26 touchdowns, and Nebraska defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh, who garnered national attention when he sacked McCoy 4.5 times in a near upset of Texas in the Big 12 title game. Suh could be the first defensive player to take home the award since Charles Woodson did so in 1997.

The award presentation, which is set for 8 p.m. on Saturday, will be aired live on ESPN.

CHAMBERS EARNS FIRST BIG 12 HONOR

Big 12 Conference officials announced Monday that K-State freshman guard Brittany Chambers was named the Big 12 Freshman of the Week. It marks the first time in Chambers' young career that she was individually honored by the conference.

In three contests last week, the native of Belle Plaine, Minn., posted a scoring average of 16.3 points per game - three points higher than her season average - including a career-high 18 points against Grambling State in the first round of the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic, which K-State went on to win. She also grabbed a total of 16 rebound in the three-game stretch.

Chambers' recognition marks the first time a Wildcat has been named the league's top freshman since forward Jalana Childs earned the award last season and its the second conference honor received by a K-State player in 2009. Senior forward Ashley Sweat was named Big 12 co-Player of the Week on Nov. 23.

The women's basketball team won't play again until they take on Northwestern in a home match-up on Dec. 13. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m.



Chambers

BUFFALO'S GILL INTERESTED IN KU JOB

The athletic department at the University of

Buffalo has granted Kansas permission to speak with head football coach Turner Gill about the vacant coaching position formerly held by Mark Mangino who resigned last week.

Gill, who has gone 20-30 in four seasons at Buffalo - including a 5-7 mark this year, is no stranger to the Big 12 Conference. He is a former standout



Gill

quarterback at Nebraska and, prior to taking the helm of the Bulls, served as an assistant coach for the Huskers for 13 seasons. He received national attention in 2008 when he led Buffalo to an 8-6 record, its first-ever Mid-American Conference championship and its first-ever bowl appearance.

Gill was previously considered for head coaching positions at his alma mater as well as Auburn. Other names linked to the position at KU include Jim Harbaugh of Stanford, former Jayhawk quarterback and current Texas A&M assistant Nolan Cromwell and Randy Edsall of Connecticut - the former school of Jayhawk Athletic Director Lew Perkins.

Grade guru Web site allows students to share course materials

By Randiah Green
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

Students can now help each other develop better studying and note-taking methods by sharing their lecture notes through a social networking Web site called Grade Guru.

Grade Guru allows students to upload their notes for specific university classes to share with other students in their class or other students who want to learn better note-taking skills.

“Grade Guru is essentially a study note-sharing Web site for college students, and the idea is that students who have successful study methods can share their notes with their peers to give them ideas for better study methods,” said Emily Sawtel, founder of Grade Guru and director of new business ventures at McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

When students register for the Web site to contribute their notes, they indicate which university they are from, which courses they are taking that they wish to share their notes from and the name of the professor who teaches the course.

Each university who has students registered for Grade Guru has their own homepage where students can find and post notes for the classes offered at their school.

“One of the great things about Grade Guru is that it facilitates a sense of community among students,” said Allie Nikitas, junior in finance at Miami University (Ohio) and an ambassador for Grade Guru at MU. “The notes posted are really helpful when you’re studying and you suddenly realize that you need further clarification on a certain topic. All you have to do is search for notes by topic, specific course or other search criteria.”

Sawtel said the Web site also helps students who post their notes improve their note-taking skills.

“A lot of students who contribute say they know other people are going to be using their notes; they are more organized in putting their notes together. It gives students a reason to make their notes more clear,” she said. “Students who haven’t really worked out what the best study methods that work are, Grade Guru can show you lots of different ways to study and put their notes together.”

The Web site also allows users to provide feedback on other users notes, Sawtel said, which is a constructive way of letting students know what they could do to make their notes more effective.

Sawtel said the Web site is particularly helpful to freshmen students who may have done well in high school, but do

not know how to study for college level courses.

Though Sawtel said the Web site is mostly beneficial to freshmen students, Nikitas said it can be helpful to both underclassmen and upperclassmen.

“Underclassmen who are developing new study habits are able to integrate Grade Guru into their studying routine from the beginning. Having access to quality notes helps them to understand classroom material and develop a better understanding of the benefits of taking quality notes,” she said. “Upperclassmen tend to have lots of notes from previous semesters that they can upload. Not only do these notes help other students, but they also earn rewards for the contributor.”

The rewards students can receive range from gift cards for Starbucks, iTunes or even cash.

“As students contribute notes to the site they can earn points. The more people who use the people’s notes they receive points and can use them for several different things. They can also cash their points in for cash and we pay them through [PayPal.com], or they can use them to contribute to a charity or plant a tree,” Sawtel said.

Sawtel said there is no specific way Grade Guru advertises to students, but they have gained users through students passing on knowledge of the Web site to each other. Some professors also require their students share notes through the Web site, according to Sawtel.

Grade Guru has students sharing their notes from about 350 universities in the country and over 300 universities in the United Kingdom.

The idea for Grade Guru, Sawtel said, came from students themselves.

“We did a lot of research before creating the Web site into student study habits and what students think work and several things were clear. One of the big ones was that students already study in groups,” she said. “When they lack confidence and they need to get help, they go to their peers but not all students have equal access to be in a study group with the best note taker in their class. Grade Guru provides equal opportunity for all students to get the best resources for notes and study methods.”

Grade Guru has ambassador programs at several universities where students promote the Web site through marketing campaigns on their campus.

Currently there is not an ambassador program on UT’s campus, but Sawtel said she hopes one can be formed so more students at UT can utilize the Web site.

-College News Network

Let it snow



Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

Bounding through the snow, **Chelsea Cooley**, sophomore in broadcast journalism, made her way through the Z Parking Lot as she tried to find her car Monday evening. When **Cooley** got to her vehicle she quickly scraped off the snow dust and got in her car to head to an acting rehearsal. Around 9:45 p.m. Snow fell Sunday and Monday, and weather forecasts predict more snow flurries throughout today and an overnight low of 11 degrees.

Urban chicken farming gains popularity in Minnesota

By Tara Bannow
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Stepping out the door of his Nicollet Island. Minn. home, Peat Willcütt crunched through fallen leaves, making his way toward the sound of clucking and crowing.

He reached into a bucket, pulled out a handful of feed and sprinkled it before a crowd of chickens, who eagerly picked at the ground.

“I love the general ambiance of having the chickens around,” Willcütt said. “There’s just kind of a nice thing about watching them run around all crazy and do their thing.”

Willcütt, a 24-year-old graduate of the University of Minnesota, raises more than 30 hens and roosters and a slew of other animals with 10 nearby households. On top of providing eggs, meat and manure for compost, they’re just fun to have around, he said.

He is one of many who partake in keeping chickens in the city. There are currently about 120 people who hold permits to raise chickens in Minneapolis and 86 more applications are in the works, said Connie Bourque, administrative analyst with Minneapolis Animal Care and Control. In 2008, there were 80 permits, almost double that of 2007.

In actuality, there are between 1,000 and 2,000 chicken farmers in the metro area, Willcütt said.

Some attribute the uptick to the “locavore” movement as more and more people strive to be knowledgeable about the origin of their food. About 90 percent of those who keep chickens do so for companionship and eggs, said chicken supporter Mary Britton Clouse.

CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

The trend has major consequences for those whose jobs are to ensure that all chickens in the city are cared for.

Britton Clouse runs Chicken Run Rescue, an organization that provides temporary care and arranges adoptions for homeless chickens. In the past seven months, she’s gotten 222 calls from people seeking homes for their unwanted chickens. In the past, they would get between 30 and 40 inquiries during the entire year.

Many who decide to raise chickens because they want to eat local don’t invest

in the appropriate shelter, veterinary care or food, and ultimately hand them off to shelters or abandon them, Clouse said.

“They need to remember that they’re dealing with a living creature that’s extremely sensitive and intelligent,” she said.

Those interested in keeping chickens in the city must apply for a permit and get approval from 80 percent of their neighbors within 100 feet of their property.

Though there is no limit on the number of chickens a single household can have, MACC takes special precautions when inspecting the premises of large flocks, Bourque said. In addition, it’s more difficult for those with a lot of chickens to get their neighbors’ consent, she said.

A number of groups in the city have begun to offer city chicken farming courses, including Chicken Run Rescue and the Linden Hills Co-op.

The Seward Co-op has been offering courses since they opened their new location 10 months ago. Event coordinator Claudia Rhodes said they have been very popular.

“They’re really cropping up,” she said, adding that she’s seen quite a few chicken coops near her home in Seward. “It’s become a popular pastime for people who like animals in the city.”

Cynthia Fetzer, owner of Camden Pet Hospital, taught attendees at one of the classes how to care for their chickens’ health. It’s important to get regular internal and external parasite checks, and make sure chickens have a nutritional diet and that newcomers are not carrying contagious diseases.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Last October, when Heidi Huebner got a call from the post office at 6 a.m. to pick up her chicks, she could hear them peeping in the background.

A year later, the 33-year-old Longfellow resident, her husband and two daughters adore the chickens, which are more companions than pets, she said.

While her family gets three to six eggs a day from their chickens, Huebner said she cares more about maintaining a sustainable lifestyle in which she knows exactly where her food comes from.

“It was a transformation for our family to have a more intimate experience with our food,” Huebner said.

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Blowing off steam

Pullen says Wildcats looking for revenge against Xavier

By Grant Guggisberg
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After Saturday night's victory against Washington State, senior guard Jacob Pullen did not have many good things to say about the Xavier Musketeers. "It's a real emotional game for me because I really want to beat them by a lot," Pullen said. "Nothing against the new coach or whoever is there, I just don't like Xavier. I want to play them and I'm really excited about this game." The Wildcats (7-1) meet the Musketeers (5-2) at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Bramlage Coliseum for the second contest of a four-game stretch against quality competition. However, this game puts pride on the line as the Wildcats look to avenge a loss to Xavier on New Year's Eve of 2007. The Wildcats lost to the Musketeers handily, with star freshman Michael Beasley scoring just five points. "I don't want to say it's a rivalry, but a lot of us returners have a bitter taste in our mouth," Pullen said. "That's one of the worst losses I've ever suffered since I started playing college basketball." The 2007 loss was the second straight

MEN'S BASKETBALL

BIG 12 STANDINGS

Texas Tech	8-0
*No. 1 Kansas	7-0
*No. 2 Texas	7-0
*No. 18 Texas A&M	8-1
Baylor	7-1
Kansas State	7-1
Oklahoma State	7-1
Missouri	5-2
Nebraska	5-2
Iowa State	6-3
Colorado	6-3
Oklahoma	5-3

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in a three-game series set up by former head coach Bob Huggins. It might be two years later, but the Wildcats have not forgotten that loss. "It's just like you getting beat up as a kid," Pullen said. "Even if you see that kid later on, you're not going to like them. You're not going to be friends with them." Head coach Frank Martin remembers the game also and acknowledged he wants to find a way to win Tuesday night. "We talked about that in the locker room as soon as the game was over," Martin said. "We brought that up. It's the worst loss I've ever had as a college basketball coach. I told our players I'm a prideful guy, and I don't forget those things. "So I don't think focus and desire is going to be an issue for the next couple days." It's also worth noting that the Musketeers are not the same team they were two or even three years ago. They have long been at the top of the Atlantic-10 league, and have even had some deep runs in the NCAA tournament. However, they have since lost their head coach to Arizona and have losses this season against Marquette and Baylor in the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Fla. "It's a lot of the same personnel that they had last year," Martin said. "They're very big. They're as big as houses." Martin singled out sophomore guard Jordan Crawford, who leads the team with 18.9 points per game, as one of many threats that will be a challenge for the Wildcats to contain. "They've got a young man in Crawford, whose just been an athlete," Martin said. "You're talking about a guy who's probably going to be a first-round pick in the NBA draft this year. They've got depth, they've got size, and they've got athleticism, so they're a very good basketball team." When asked what he could remember about the game against Xavier, Pullen said he just remembered how horrible it was. "I just remember there were a lot of points being scored, and Mike left his shoes, and I remember it was a bad night," he said. "That's one of the worst New Year's I've had since I've been alive. They were telling jokes on the free throw line, laughing, and having a good time."



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K-State head coach **Frank Martin** points and yells at his team during the 83-59 exhibition win over the Pittsburg State Gorillas on Nov. 8. One game after receiving his first career technical foul, **Martin** will face Xavier, the team that beat him in 2007 in what he describes as his worst loss as a collegiate head coach.

Win vs. Musketeers important for Wildcats' momentum

While the win against Washington State was a big one for the Wildcats' tournament resumé, avoiding a let-down against the Xavier Musketeers is possibly even bigger. The Xavier Musketeers are in the process of rebuilding after replacing head coach Sean Miller, who now coaches the Arizona Wildcats. However, the team is 5-2 and has bounced back after two losses in the Old Spice Classic. The Musketeers also have history on their side, with the team winning both previous meetings in the series set up by former Wildcat coach Bob Huggins. After watching the Wildcats dismantle Washington State last Saturday and



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then listening to their comments about Xavier after the game, it seems unlikely that the Wildcats will come out flat as they did against Fort Hays State. But the same could be said about their two previous meetings. In 2007, the Wildcats were 9-3 going into the Xavier game, boasting a four-game winning streak behind the strong play of freshmen Michael Beasley and Bill Walker. However, the game was far from pretty. Any momentum the Wildcats had going into the game vanished behind a 30-7 Xavier run to open the game. Reflecting on the game now, coach Frank Martin calls that game "the worst loss I've ever had as a basketball coach." The year before, Xavier also had the Wildcats number, although the game was much closer in Huggins' only season as coach. Again, the Wildcats had momentum on their side prior to the game against the

Musketeers. The 76-66 loss made for a bitter homecoming for Huggins, but more importantly ended a six-game winning streak entering the game and was the start of a three-game losing streak for the Wildcats. If the team had won against the Musketeers, it could have brought home some momentum and prevented the next two losses, both to Big 12 teams that hurt the overall tournament resumé of the Wildcats. The team went on to play in the NIT that year, while the Xavier Musketeers made the NCAA tournament. I'm not trying to say that an NCAA tournament bid is on the line Tuesday night. The non-conference schedule is much improved from years past, and the Wildcats do not have any one game that they must win in order to lock up a bid. However, a loss to this year's Xavier squad at home would probably be considered a bad loss. Instead, the Wildcats need to contin-

ue to improve and make sure they stay in Martin's good graces so they can stay on the court. After the game against Xavier Tuesday, the Wildcats travel to Las Vegas, Nev., to play the UNLV Runnin' Rebels, coached by former Wildcat coach Lon Kruger. The squad is ranked No. 18 in the most recent Associated Press poll, and will be the second ranked team the Wildcats have faced. A win against Xavier and UNLV would give the Wildcats a strong resumé, even before conference play starts. Back-to-back losses against the two teams could hurt their tournament seeding towards the end of the season. If history is any indication, it all hinges on the Xavier game.

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“If they don’t do those things, then that makes it a lot of harder,” he said.

Jaworski also said the residence halls take necessary precautions to keep students safe, including door access through student ID after 9 p.m., mandatory floor meetings and adequate staffing.

Bill Richards, spokesperson for *State-University.com*, said students should also look at the crime rates in the surrounding areas of the campus, since the statistics of the report only examined on-campus crimes and anything handled by campus safety and police.

The report data did not reflect rapes or other violent crimes committed in Manhattan off campus.

“It ties back to the surrounding town and community,” Richards said. “If they have a high crime rate, it will reflect in the campus.”

Richards said he does not think anyone should take the report rankings for face value.

“These stats are just one facet of safety,” he said. “The primary reason for the report was to get students thinking of being more aware of campus safety. Safety begins with oneself.”

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is the lowest level of a nonperson felony. A nonperson felony means no person was harmed in the alleged incident.

He said the patrol division requested it be in charge of the investigation rather than letting the investigation division handle it. Stubbings said large cases like this are usually handled by the investigative division.

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By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Out of the 25 applications the city has received for the Emergency Repair Program, only seven people have qualified for the first come, first serve funds, said Scott Cronin, Housing Rehabilitation Inspector for Manhattan. “Either you qualify for the program or you don’t,” Cronin said. “It’s a pretty cut and dry application process.”

The purpose of the program is to provide lower to moderate income homes with assistance for emergency housing repairs to prevent any health or safety issues.

“What we are advertising is a little bit of money left over from the cities funds,” said Karen Davis, director of community development. “Next summer, we shall be receiving more funds from the federal government to set up a more permanent program.”

However, the homeowner must be within city limits to receive aid and must qualify by a number of stipulations set up by the city, including meeting the income requirement.

Davis said the biggest hurdle is the income qualifications.

“However, if we can fix someone’s furnace with what little money we have, then its a good program,” she said. “Especially with the cold weather coming on, we don’t want people to have problems with their heating systems; especially if they are older.”

The repairs can range to anything from a furnace repair, plumbing, electrical, accessibility, or any other improvement deemed necessary by the program to correct an emergency situation, Cronin said.

According to an administrative plan put together by the city of Manhattan, the

repairs exclude pools, patios, decks, fireplaces, driveways, garages, vinyl or metal siding and other nonessential improvements.

All repairs have to improve the health, safety or occupancy of the residents, or otherwise it will be excluded from the program.

Cronin said the funding for the program left over from last year’s budget is a total of \$25,000. Once the funds are exhausted, the program will be over.

However, Cronin said the city will be receiving more money next year, and they hope to start several programs specifically for the repair of sidewalks or furnaces. The new funds are expected to be in place by the middle of next year.

Cronin said the Emergency Repair Program is used in connection with the Housing Rehabilitation Program, which is a non-emergency fund. However, the program has a higher budget and a larger application window than the Emergency Repair Program.

“The Emergency Repair Program is designed to help those who can not afford to make the repairs on their own,” Cronin said. “Once the applicant is approved by the bank and the county treasurer, we then take the project to various contractors around town and receive bids to do the work.”

Cronin said the city will expedite the time frame allotted for the repairs, depending on the severity of the situation. Each applicant is only allowed to receive \$5,000 at any one time, and are only able to qualify for \$8,000 in a lifetime.

“Its a really good program for homeowners who need assistance,” Cronin said. “Our operating budget will go up next year with the edition of several new programs that will target specific problems.”

SERIES | Student forgives counselor, accepts his sexual orientation

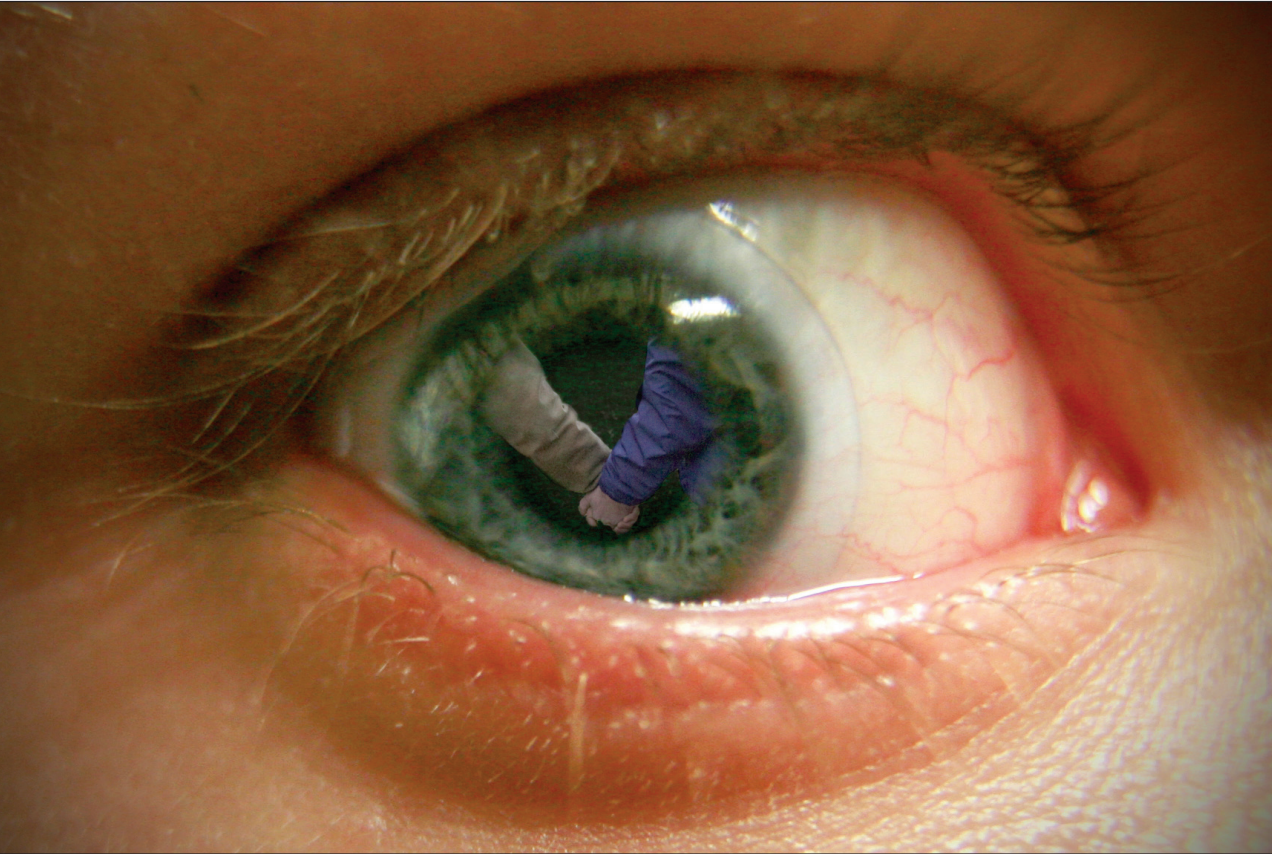


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One K-State student, who wanted to remain anonymous was given reparative therapy as a child to try to turn him straight. He was shown images of two men together and subjected to ice, heat or electricity to associate the image with pain.

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devastated him: people he had lived with and put his trust in had lied his entire life.

Swanson said Fritch was shocked that he believed he had AIDS.

Swanson said he began going through “un-therapy, going through all these stages, literally going through mental and physical, in reverse.”

Through patience and understanding, Swanson said the gay community helped him understand that being gay was OK.

He said he feels he still has a lot of “un-therapy” to go through.

“I’ve never dated in the gay direction because I always wonder how the therapy will come back up,” Swanson said. “Because every single time there is a major victory, I’m still having the nightmares.”

Swanson expects the effects of his therapy to haunt him for life.

“I’ve literally had licensed psychologists say, ‘You need to repress this. This is so damaging we have no idea how you’ve gotten through this. This is not

to be dealt with,’” he said.

MOVING FORWARD

Swanson said he was able to forgive the man who facilitated the therapy because he feels the man was not acting out of maliciousness. The man’s actions were methodical, almost scientific; he told Swanson what would happen prior to each session.

“For him, you have to forgive someone that does such torturous things to be able to live,” Swanson said. “He was hurting me, but he wasn’t what I was concentrating on. I kept trying to focus on getting attracted to girls so this would stop.”

Swanson said he even forgives his parents for putting him through a torturous 18-month period.

“I have forgiven them, but that doesn’t mean I understand them,” he said. “I don’t understand how you can do that to a child.”

He said his parents truly felt he was an abomination and simply wanted to see him go to heaven. He said his parents’ drastic steps caused him inner conflict, and he hopes others can

avoid his fate.

The American Psychological Association acknowledges the conflict that certain religious perspectives might present to parents with a homosexual child but urges parents not to take any action to change their child’s sexuality.


The 2009 APA resolution on appropriate affirmative responses advises families “to avoid sexual orientation change efforts that portray homosexuality as a mental illness or developmental disorder, and to seek psychotherapy, social support and educational services” that provide accurate information on sexual orientation and sexuality.

Additionally, it recommends an increase in family and school support, to reduce rejection of “sexual minority youth.”

“I stand one-million-and-one percent against it. It did not change me,” Swanson said. “I look at it like I live in a world where God doesn’t judge me for who I am, and he loves the world, so I’m going to help spread the word of his love, and that’s how I move forward.”

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Holiday Planning Guide



Schulz family prepares for first Christmas at K-State



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1) **Kirk and Noel Schulz** inspect their family Christmas heirlooms in the den of their family home. They both look at an ornament **Kirk** made as a preschooler.

2) **Kirk and Noel** pose together displaying their ever present good cheer in front of the main Christmas tree on the first floor of the presidential residence.

3) Kirk's blackberry lies near a ceramic reindeer in the foyer of the president's house.

4) This handmade tree skirt is one of the couple's oldest and prized Christmas decorations. It was given to them at start of their marriage so they could have something special for their first Christmas.

5) A handmade ornament of her son, Andrew, is one of Noel's favorites. Andrew is the only family member who lives outside of Kansas, and is attending Mississippi State.

By Tim Schrag
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As the holiday season draws nearer, K-State President Kirk Schulz and his family are preparing to celebrate in their home at presidential residence 100 Wilson Court.

President Schulz said he, his wife, Noel, and their youngest son, Andrew, are still getting used to living in a home that has some aspects of both a public and private residence, including mixing their personal effects and décor to the home including their holiday decorations.

"Noel and I have been married for 23 years and over that time you accumulate lots of little Christmas things," Kirk said.

Kirk said among other holiday decorations, they have five nativity scenes, one of which came

from a friend who got it while on sabbatical in Israel.

Their oldest son, Tim, is a freshman at Mississippi State University. He will return to his new home sometime this week.

Kirk said this will be the family's first time to have Tim in another state while they are in Kansas, but that it will also be their first chance for a white Christmas in about ten years.

The Schulz family will head to Virginia, where both Kirk and Noel's parents live to visit extended family during the holiday break, but will spend most of their celebration time in Kansas.

Noel said she is excited to spend her first holiday season in Kansas.

"It's a little windy and cool but we're excited, getting the house decorated and just getting used to being here for all the different ac-

tivities," Noel said.

Noel said her favorite thing about the holiday season is being with family.

"Getting to be with Tim will be fun," Noel said. "We got to see him for Thanksgiving and it's just nice to have all four of us together, now that we don't have that also seeing our extended family."

She also said she is looking forward to seeing snow on the ground.

"The first time we see snow, Kirk probably won't be excited, but I know Andrew will be excited," Noel said. "It's been nice to have a warm November and start to December but I think winter will arrive here soon."

During finals week, the Schulz family will be hosting an open house for K-State faculty and staff to come and see the house at what Noel calls the "heart of campus."

Kirk said some of the staff members who have worked at K-State for 30 years told him they had never been in the house. He said for them it will be their first chance to come in and see what the building looks like.

"I'm really looking forward to that," he said. "It's going to be neat."

The Schulzes frequently host social events in their home, which Noel noted was a nice way to share the recently renovated home with the community.

For the Schulz family, their holiday traditions are a mashup of both Kirk and Noel's traditions growing up.

"We typically open up presents Christmas morning," Noel said. "The boys try to get one present the night before Christmas and we have an egg and sausage casserole on Christmas morning,

where it's baking while we all open presents."

Noel said Kirk is the cook for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She said he cooks several family recipes, one being a "goodie goodie cake."

On their personal Christmas tree in the living room hang ornaments made by Tim and Andrew, Kirk's first ornament and others ornaments of family significance. A large tree decorated by K-State Staff also stands on display near the front entry of the house hold.

Andrew said a Kindle book reader is on his Christmas list, while Noel said she has yet to see a list from older son Tim.

"We're really fortunate that we have a lot of things, we don't have a whole lot on our list," Noel said. "We feel very blessed to have this opportunity to be here at K-State."

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COLLEGIAN DECORATING CONTEST

Decked Out



The Collegian invited readers to send in photos of their festive decorations for our holiday decorating contest. These are the winners.

1. Scott Cooper and Corey Urban, both freshmen in chemical engineering, decorated their room in Haymaker Hall with stockings, Christmas lights, a Christmas tree and rope lights.

2. Linnette Rodriguez, sophomore in art, decorated her house on Palomino Lane with Christmas lights. She decorated the centerpiece of the yard with candy canes, a Virgin Mary statue, Christmas lights and large flashing bulbs. She also put up two white trees and light-up presents in the yard.

3. Denise Fangman, administrative assistant, and **Connie Fechter**, personnel specialist, both in the Department of Family Studies and Human Services, decorated their offices in Justin Hall with a silver tree and K-State ornaments and stockings.

Collegian editors share their favorite holiday dishes

RIDGEWAY FAMILY TIDBITS
Elena Buckner, EDGE EDITOR

My great-grandmother has been making this recipe at least since the 1940s, and it is every bit as good today as I am told it was when she first started making it. A word of caution: The Ridgeway clan is infamous for its love of all things salty, so if you are watching your sodium intake, it might be a good idea to play around with the measurements.

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 pound Oleo (butter or margarine would work as well)
 - 5 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 3 tablespoons seasoned salt (Lowry's)
 - 1 tablespoon each: celery salt, onion salt
 - 2 tablespoons each: onion powder, garlic salt
 - 1 box Cheerios
 - 1 box Kix
 - 2 boxes stick pretzels
 - 1 pound peanuts
 - 2 boxes Rice Chex

INSTRUCTIONS:

Melt Oleo in electric roaster and add the rest of the seasonings. After the seasoning mixture is ready, add cereals, pretzels and peanuts. Stir well making sure everything is evenly coated. Leave in the roaster at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for a few hours, stirring every 30 minutes until the cereal is dry again.

GREAT AUNT LUCY'S CARAMELS
Sarah Rajewski, NEWS EDITOR

Caramels have been a family tradition ever since I can remember. My mom started making these delicious candies when she was 10 and has been making them ever since. Every Christmas, my family mass produces caramels to hand out to people, making me very popular with my friends and their families in December. They're easy Christmas presents and taste wonderful.

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 2 cups sugar
 - 1 cup chopped nuts (pecans)
 - 1 1/3 cups white corn syrup
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 3 cups heavy cream
 - a pinch of salt

INSTRUCTIONS:

Put the sugar, syrup, one cup of cream and salt in a pan. Stir until dissolved over medium heat. Boil slowly to soft-ball stage on candy thermometer (240 degrees Fahrenheit). Add another cup of cream and cook to the same point. Add last cup of cream and cook to 244 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove from heat. Add nuts and vanilla. Pour into a buttered pan. Cool overnight. Cut into squares and wrap in wax paper squares.

RUSSIAN TEACAKES
Tim Schrag, CAMPUS EDITOR

A couple years back, my mom made Russian Teacakes as something new to try during the holidays, but I liked them

so much that she has made them for me ever since. I love them because they're sort of tart, but sweet at the same time.

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened
 - 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour(do not use self rising flour in this recipe)
 - 3/4 cup finely chopped nuts
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - Additional powdered sugar



INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix margarine, 1/2 cup powdered sugar and the vanilla. Stir in flour, nuts and salt until dough holds together; shape into 1-inch balls. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until set but not brown for 10 to 12 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar while warm and let cool. Roll in powdered sugar again. Will make about 4 dozen cookies; 80 calories per cookie.

LATKAS
Jason Miller, METRO EDITOR

Being the lone celebrator of Hanukkah on the editorial staff, the holiday season has a different meaning for me. My wife and I celebrate Hanukkah each year with the lighting of the menorah, and at least one night, latkas (potato pancakes). When pan-fried to perfection, latkas are the best type of comfort food. Served with apple sauce and sour cream, they bring a smile to my face each year.

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 4 large potatoes
 - 1 medium onion
 - 1 large egg
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon white pepper
 - 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 - vegetable oil (for frying)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Grate potatoes and onion. Transfer to colander and squeeze mixture to press out liquids. In a large bowl, mix egg, salt, pepper, flour and baking powder. Add potatoes and onions, and mix well. Heat oil in a deep, heavy skillet. Drop about 2 tablespoons of potato mixture into the pan for each pancake. Flatten with back of spoon so each pancake is about 2 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. Fry over medium heat for about 4 to 5 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Turn carefully with two spatulas so oil does not splatter. Drain on paper towels. Before frying each new batch, stir potato mixture. If all the oil is absorbed, add a little more to the pan. Serve hot with applesauce, sour cream or sugar.

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Renovated skating rink re-opens

By Tyler Scott
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Manhattan's indoor skating rink is back and officials hope it will draw big attendance numbers throughout the winter season.

The Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department opened the renovated ice rink at the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion and GTM Family Center in City Park.

Mike Buchanan, recreation superintendent, said the rink is a good atmosphere no matter what the weather is like during the winter season.

"The rink guarantees a good skating surface," Buchanan said.

This is the first season for the new rink because last year the pavilion was under construction. Buchanan said the main idea was to make the inside of the rink bigger than it used to be.

The rink is open from 3 to 7 p.m. on weekdays and 1 to 7 p.m. on weekends. Jeff Mayer, recreation coordinator, said the hours are based on availability of customers.

"The high school kids usually don't get out of school until two or three," Mayer said. "It's also hard to find employees to work during the early morning."

Admission is \$2 per person, plus another \$2 for ice skate rental. There are also punch cards good for 10 admissions, and/or skate rentals which are available for \$15.

Registration for ice skating and youth hockey lessons are currently underway. Skating lessons are open to anyone and hockey lessons are re-



Erin Poppe | COLLEGIAN
A Manhattan father enjoys a night ice skating with his two sons at the newly opened ice rink at the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion.

served for ages 12 and under.

Mickee Garcia, skating instructor, said the lessons are a good way for people to learn how to skate and encourages people to come.

"Our skating and ice hockey lessons start in January and last until February," Garcia said. "If anybody is interested in skating, they should make frequent visits."

Buchanan said the skating rink is available for anyone from November through February. Once the skating season is over, the pavilion

will be available to rent to the community.

Mayer said the attendance has been high so far.

"We've had a pretty good turnout and it can get up to 100 people," Mayer said. "We usually don't get busy until four on the weekends."

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